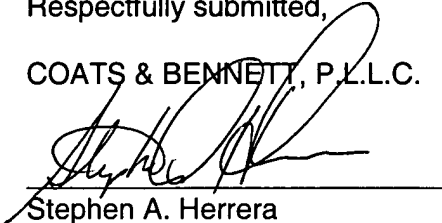


REMARKS

The Examiner allowed claims 1-12, but maintained the §103(a) rejections to claims 13-30. Accordingly, Applicant cancels claims 13-30 without prejudice and requests allowance for claims 1-12.

Respectfully submitted,

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